

CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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Big Idea: Our spiritual reality is revealed in our behavior

- **Ice Breaker:** What is a food you often crave?

Key Points

Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon.

- Believers should live by God's standards, not the world's
- We are called to be people whose faith is seen and noticed by others
- We should not just act lovingly, but be people who love sincerely
- We cannot love people deeply while acting negatively toward them
- We should crave the spiritual nourishment that is God's word and allow it to speak to our hearts and change us
- The goal is not to arrive – it is to become more like Jesus every day
- The gap between who we are and who we desire to be is the space where the Holy Spirit is working, not a reason for despair

Discussion Questions

Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below.

- What was your biggest takeaway? What stuck out the most or moved you on a personal level?
- Did anything bother you? What questions did you have?

Making it Personal

Review with your group the impact this week's sermon made on your personally.

- Who is someone you've known whose faith was obvious through the way they lived? What stood out about them?
- What is the meaning of the word "holy"? Share some examples of how you live differently from the world.
- Is there a relational struggle (anger, gossip, envy, hypocrisy, resentment, etc.) that God may be revealing in your life right now?
- Share about one area of your spiritual life where you have seen growth over time.
- Share about one area of your spiritual life where you know you need to grow.

Scripture Review

Revisit some of the scripture passages from this week and discuss the questions below.

- 1 Peter 1:13–2:3
- What are we to put aside and what are we to crave? (1 Peter 2:1-2)
- Explore the contrast of what withers and fades, and what endures forever (1 Peter 1:24-25)

Diving Deeper

Use the verses below to dive into other passages of scripture that relate to the primary scripture passage from this week's sermon.

Old Testament

Habakkuk 2:4, Proverbs 17:17, Zechariah 7:9-10, Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 119:103, Job 23:12

New Testament

2 Corinthians 3:18, Romans 12:2, Ephesians 4:11-13, Matthew 5:16, James 2:18, 1 John 4:19, John 15:13

How do these scripture passages align with the scripture from the sermon? Do you see any contradictions between passages? If so, can you explain why this is?

Application & Action

What would the people closest to you say they see in you? As you reflect on the questions below, remember these are designed to produce hunger for change to become more like Jesus. The gap between who we are and who we desire to be is not a reason for despair and not meant to focus on our shame, sadness, or regret. This is the space where the Holy Spirit is working. As our spiritual reality changes, our outward actions will reveal the spiritual growth that is occurring. Use these questions that focus on Peter's four essentials as a guide to help you discover where God is inviting you to grow spiritually.

Essential 1: Be the person whose faith is seen and noticed

- How do you look different than those who are not followers of Jesus? What is one practical, simple new step you can take on a daily or weekly basis to become more bold and make your faith seen and noticed?

Essential 2: Don't just act loving, be someone who loves

- Reflect honestly – is there any hypocrisy in your life? Where are you trying to manage or manipulate your behavior instead of allow the Spirit to change you inwardly? Pray for God to enable you to love deeply and sincerely.

Essential 3: You cannot love people deeply while acting negatively toward them at the same time

- Is there a challenging situation in your life that makes it difficult to act in a loving way? What negative behavior might you be guilty of in this situation? What steps can you take towards having a softer heart towards the people involved?

Essential 4: The goal is not to arrive – it is to grow to be more like Jesus every day

- Are you craving spiritual nourishment? How do you receive this? How would you describe your desire to grow? What can you do to make sure your desire to grow and change doesn't wane as time goes by?
- Think about the time you spend in God's Word. Are you using His Word as a means to be encouraged, challenged, convicted? If not, what can you change about your Bible reading habits to allow God's word to speak to your heart and change you?

Two-minute Takeaway

In response to this week's message, commit to taking two minutes each day to take a step closer to God.

Spend two minutes each day to sit quietly and ask God, "What is my life showing?" Let the Holy Spirit bring to mind truths about you and your actions. Consider jotting down notes that can be prayed over in the future as God reveals areas where you are growing.

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.